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Several of them were unsparing in their denunciation of a policy which sought to punish a man for independence of thought and action, as they expressed it. Not a few were loath to believe that President Taft would lend his aid to an effort to administer castigation to them for supporting the very principles and policies for which they claimed the party itself stood pledged.

"INSURGENT" POSITION.

Representative Madison of Kansas expressed a view of the matter to which several of his associates subscribed. He said:

"We insurgents, as we are called, are not against Taft or his policies. We are unanimously, I believe, in favor of every leading reform to which the president and the Republican party is committed. For instance, I am in favor of postal savings banks, conservation of natural resources, regulation of injunction, reform of federal court procedure, government regulation and control of industrial and carrying corporations, the publication of campaign funds and other reforms. Most of the other insurgents are for these same things."

"It is slanderous to say that we can be swerved from the course of supporting these reforms by the withholding of any official patronage by anybody or be induced to support this or that proposition by the offering of official spoils of any kind. We are committed to fight to the finish, and I have no doubt that we will stand by our principles and our party."

Representative Norris of Nebraska added his approval of this declaration, as did Representative Hayes of California, who said his fight was solely against the rules of the house and its present organization. On the latter proposition, said Mr. Hayes, he was ready to fight to the finish. It was the independence of the representative in Congress which he was contending for, he said.

MAY HOLD MEETING.

The insurgents are discussing the desirability of holding an early meeting and ascertaining from President Taft where they stand.

Meeting of the hands of Representative Hayes of California.

There was no apparent sign of the insurgent difficulty on the senate side of the capitol further than the numerous Republicans from the house side were holding with the senators from their states regarding the policy which they were to pursue.

Senator Cummins said he had experienced no difficulty with the postoffice department or any other government department in regard to his patronage.

READY FOR DEATH STRUGGLE.

Most of the radical insurgents on the house side feel that with the elections but a few months distant it is a life and death struggle with them and consequently when forced into the fray, have no hesitation about carrying the war to any extent.

By starting a fight against them in their home districts, as was reported yesterday had already begun in several districts of the west, but hard and bitter make no choice of weapons in defending themselves.

It was expected that some statements would be forthcoming today from the administration side as to its attitude regarding the insurgents. So far Postmaster General Hitchcock has remained silent under the other statement emanating from Representative Miller of Minnesota to the effect that Mr. Hitchcock was holding up the appointment of postmaster general by the insurgents. Published intimations that this course was being pursued with reference to a number of congressmen, however, and Wisconsin has so far brought no formal denial from any administration authority.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock, who is generally regarded as the closest political adviser of the president, declined to make any statement for publication concerning the matter. He said he was having a conversation with Representative Miller of Minnesota, one of the insurgents, in the course of which he intimated to him what the administration's position was likely to be. He was quite sure that whatever determination respecting federal patronage would affect not merely the postoffice department, but all branches of the government.

SUGAR ADVANCED.

New York, Jan. 5.—All grades of refined sugar were advanced 10 cents a hundred pounds today.

WEATHER REPORT.

Tonight and Thursday Fair. Continued Cold Weather.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

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